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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT

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¶1. Below is the text of a congratulatory message to President-elect Obama from Prince Vincent Eze Ogbulafor, OFR, National Chairman, and Alhaji Abubakar Baraje, National Secretary, of the Peoples Democratic Party of Nigeria. The original letter will be sent via diplomatic pouch.

¶2. Text of letter:

"An Inspiring Victory.

On behalf of the National Working Committee, and the entire members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) of Nigeria, we congratulate you and the US Democratic Party, on your election as the 44th President of the United States of America and the first African-American to be so elected in the history of the United States.

The victory is highly remarkable and echoes the promise of a better world for all.

It is truly memorable that the election not only brought out the best in American democracy with more than 131 million Americans voting, the highest in 44 years, but attracted interest worldwide.

We at the Peoples Democratic Party are thrilled by the extraordinary feat of the Democratic Party of the USA, the organization, the mobilization, the sacrifices and optimism that made the victory possible.

Indeed, there are important lessons in this US election for all political organizations.

This achievement marks a new era, and we have no doubt that you will offer inspirational leadership that will promote democracy, freedom, peace, progress and brotherhood all over the world.

Congratulations!

Prince Vincent Eze Ogbulafor, OFR
National Chairman, PDP

Alhaji Abubakar Baraje
National Secretary, PDP"
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